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Dakota Missing Near H.K.

The R.A.F. disclosed yesterday that a U.S. Army Dakota plane is missing somewhere between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The plane left Shanghai on Saturday bound for either Hong Kong or Canton, and has not been heard from since.

No further details are available at the present time—United Press.

The "China Mail" understands that the search has been continuing for three days and that U.S. planes from Shanghai are looking for the missing aircraft, so far without success.

Reuter adds that the plane is a twin-engine transport belonging to the U.S. Graves Registration Service and carried seven passengers, four crew and a quantity of cargo.

Due In H.K.

The U.S. Army said those aboard the missing plane included one Graves Registration Service officer, five American crewmen, one Sino-American crew chief, and six Chinese American enlisted men from the American section of Executive Headquarters, Peking, who were on their Chinese New Year holiday leave to Canton.

The Army said tomorrow the search will be widened by B-17s and B-29s from Okinawa.

Army circles said the plane was bound for Kweilin with operating funds, supplies and mail for the team there. The plane was scheduled to call at Canton and Hong Kong where they were to refuel and then proceed to Kweilin and back to Shanghai after refuelling at Hong Kong.—United Press.

NAZIS GUILTY

Dachau, Jan. 20. The American Military Court today found 40 former Flossen-burg concentration camp officials and guards guilty of torturing and killing thousands of Flossen-burg prisoners. Five others were acquitted.

The sentences will be announced later this week.—United Press.

Another Blow To British Industry

London, Jan. 20. If the reduced coal allocations in Britain announced today last six weeks, it will mean 400,000 less tons of steel yearly, or a cut of three per cent in the output, it was authoritatively stated tonight.

A director of the Scottish firm of Fleming and Ferguson said today he had just come back from the Argentine with a £3,000,000 contract for four dredgers to be shared with another firm.

The contract was secured against Dutch competition because the Argentine had made a special point of prompt delivery and almost double penalties for delay, which run up to £180 per day per vessel.

"It does not take much of that to bring a firm to its knees," he said.

"The cut in fuel will be a body blow for the whole of Clyde ship-building."

Other big firms affected by the cuts are Dunlop Limited and Dorman Long (whose privately owned coal mines supplied all their coal before they were nationalized and who have never had to close for lack of coal).

"It will be impossible to avoid standing idle, with the consequent effect upon the employment of a substantial number of men," the firm stated tonight.

Scottish steel works today began a four-week strike of a half day week and the Birmingham works of the Birmingham works of a half day week.

Six Thomas Miles, vice-chairman of another of Britain's big motor-car manufacturers, Nutfield, estimated that if the cut were to last a year 125,000 fewer motor-cars and trucks would be made.

The Board of Trade said today that the cut was in allocations and not in deliveries, adding that many firms had been receiving less than their allocations for some time. It was felt that a more realistic allocation was needed.

NANKING APPEAL TO YENAN

Proposal To Despatch Peace Mission

R.A.F. JET RECORD

London, Jan. 20. Wing-Commander John Hadden, on a routine experimental flight in a jet fighter plane, reached an altitude of 51,200 feet near Salisbury. The plane was a Vampire fighter, powered with a Rolls-Royce engine. It was believed to have set a record altitude for a jet plane.—United Press.

Shanghai Refugee Racket

Canberra, Jan. 21. The Commonwealth police have discovered two refugee organizations—one communist-controlled and the other dominated by White Russians—which have been sponsoring refugee immigration into Australia, mainly from the Far East.

An official said money was "no object" with the refugees sponsored by these organizations.

One man was said to have had more than £40,000 in his possession.

Others were discovered to have credits in London and New York totalling thousands of pounds.

The official alleged that the inquiries had direct relation to the disclosures made during the Canadian spy ring trials in which nine Government officials and members of the Canadian Communist Party were convicted of espionage on behalf of Russia.

Customs investigators found most of the refugees from Shanghai had large sums of money. Some of them who were not interned by the Japanese during the occupation were not having their credentials checked, he said.

The official added that the Australian authorities thought some of the refugees from the Far East might have collaborated with the Japanese during the war.—Reuter.

Incident In Egypt

Cairo, Jan. 20. British troops fired two or three rounds from an armoured car when fighting broke out between Egyptian workers and Sudanese watchmen at a Base workshop near Tel El Kebir today. One Egyptian was killed.

According to a soldier in the armoured car the shots were fired accidentally while he was servicing his gun.

About 70 workmen and watchmen were injured in the fight.

Later, the body of a Sudanese was found in a sports pavilion not far from the scene of the rioting.

The incident occurred at a vehicle park near the scene of Saturday's clash between Sudanese watchmen and Egyptian workmen, in which two people were killed and 40 were injured.

Egyptian workmen leaving work were being searched as

"Earnest Efforts" At Settlement

Nanking, Jan. 21. In a 1,000-word statement issued late last night the National Government appealed to the Chinese Communists to resume peace negotiations, although they reaffirmed the impossibility of accepting Yen-an's two demands—annulment of the constitution and restoration of troop positions to the status on Jan. 13 last year.

The statement, which was prepared under the supervision of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, repeated the proposal—to dispatch a peace mission to Yen-an under General Chang Chih-chung, Governor of Sinkiang—which was recently rejected by the Communists, and expressed the "fervent hope that the Communists will appreciate the Government's earnest efforts to seek political settlement and agreement."

It added, "Peace and unity must be achieved without delay. The Government is still ready to meet the Communists with tolerance and sincerity."

The statement revealed for the first time the four-point proposal that General Chang was to have taken to Yen-an.

This was:

1. The Government is willing to send a representative to Yen-an or invite Communist delegates to come to Nanking to resume peace talks or call a round-table conference to be attended by representatives of both sides and non-partisans.

2. The Government and the Communists should immediately order their troops to cease hostilities and remain in their present positions.

3. The Government is prepared to resume negotiations with the Communists for the enforcement of an army reorganization plan and the restoration of communications.

4. Before the full operations of the constitution the Government is willing to work out a just and equitable plan for the much-disputed problem of regional administration.

The statement briefly reviewed the peace negotiations between the Communists and the Government since the end of the Pacific war.—Reuter.

Reds Crushed

Nanking, Jan. 21. The tide of the civil war is rapidly turning against the Communists at Kirin and in South Shantung, where the Government troops crushed the Communist offensive at Taochuang, 48 miles northeast of Hsuehchow, and recaptured Chitumu and Pichitun, 20 and 25 miles south and southeast of Tachun respectively, according to Government sources.—United Press.

Rejected

Nanking, Later. A Government statement issued by the Ministry of Information discloses that the Communists have bluntly rejected the Government's offer to send Chang Chung to Yen-an with a four-point peace formula for resumption of talks.—United Press.

League Views

Shanghai, Jan. 21. Strong opposition to any Government reorganization excluding the Communists was voiced today by the Democratic League spokesman, Lo Lung-chi.

Lo disagreed at a press conference with the prevailing view that the Communist prerequisites for a resumption of peace talks are "impossible."

"These are, firstly, the restoration of the military positions to those of January 13, 1946, and secondly, the nullification of the new constitution approved by the Assembly which the Communists boycotted."

Lo said that any reorganization which left out the Communist would only prolong the civil war. He labeled General Marshall's mission a failure for which the "wrong policy" of the United States was responsible.—Associated Press.

usup as a precaution against pilfering. Growing impatient at the delay a large party rushed the barrier and injured one of the Sudanese guarding the gate. Fighting then started.—Reuter.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" tomorrow or Friday, owing to the Chinese New Year holidays. Publication will be resumed on Saturday morning.

Nisa Was Too Much For Them

Cairo, Jan. 21. Two Egyptians who were unable to "bear the attentions" of a police dog broke down and confessed to murder, the police alleged today.

The two suspects were placed in an identification parade and the police dog, Nisa, who had earlier sniffed a piece of rope found near the victim's body, quickly leaped on to them.

Nisa began tearing their clothes and would not let go. Unable to stand the ordeal, according to the Egyptian police, one of them made a full confession implicating the other and two more accomplices, who were then arrested and identified by the dog.

The men are accused of murdering a British Sapper, Henry Tredgette, in his sleep at Abnasia Army Post Office, Cairo, where they stole a typewriter, telephone and a radio, and falling to break open an Army safe.—Reuter.

PEAK TRAM WORKERS WALK OUT

The Peak trams stopped running shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon as the 36 Chinese workers of the Tramway Company walked out following the failure of the Company to concede their demand for increased pay and retirement pension.

The men had the previous day handed the Company an ultimatum setting the deadline at 5 p.m. for acceptance of their demand. Neither side approached each other for a settlement in the interval.

Many Peak residents were taken by surprise when they found the grill gate closed at the Lower Tram Station and the place deserted shortly after five. Taxicabs in consequence did a good business taking Peakites to their homes.

No trams will be running today but, it is understood the Company is planning to start a skeleton service tomorrow, to be operated by members of the office staff.

Singapore Strike

Singapore, Jan. 21. Over 6,000 municipal workers employed in Singapore's public utility services went on strike today for increased pay and improved working conditions.

Their action followed what they considered was an unsatisfactory reply by the municipality to 20 demands submitted to it.

The authorities hesitate to use Japanese today for fear they might be attacked and L.S. police and Army are being used as protection forces for them when they start work.—Reuter.

K.L. STRIKE

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 20. British troops have been called in to maintain essential services here through the strike in the only colliery in the district.

Malaya is extremely short of coal and the strike will have serious repercussions on the tin industry, as tin mines have already been cut down to ten working days per month through the shortage of electricity.—Reuter.

Time Bomb?

Athens, Jan. 21. The possibility that a time bomb sank the Greek steamer Chimara, sending an estimated 392 maniac-striker persons to their deaths in the frigid waters of the Gulf of Petalio, was being investigated by officials of the Merchant Marine Ministry.

The Ministry did not rule out a floating or magnetic mine as the cause, but said it also was inquiring into whether a passenger might have been carrying explosives.

The Ministry said 500 passengers and a crew of 87 were aboard the vessel when it left Salonika on Saturday.

Chinese Order Out French Troops

Nanking, Jan. 21. The Ministry of National Defence ordered the unit commander on the Paracel Islands to be commended for his resistance to an attempted French landing, the pro-Government Central Daily News reported today, quoting Admiral Chou Hsien-chang, Chief of Staff of the Chinese Navy.

Admiral Chou conferred with Ministry officers today.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry despatched renewed requests for information, continued its silence on the disputed Paracels.

At the present time there can be absolutely no comment on the islands, a Ministry spokesman said.

According to the Central Daily News interview with Admiral Chou, French troops from an naval vessel, trying to land at the Paracels, were told by the unit commander of the Chinese garrison that they would be fired on if they continued their "violation of Chinese sovereignty."

The French troops then left. The name of the Chinese commander was not given, nor was the exact place of the attempted landing.

The Foreign Ministry has taken up the Paracels question with the French Government, Admiral Chou told Chinese paper.—Reuter.

Panic On Stricken Greek Liner

Athens, Jan. 20. More than three hundred persons, including, it is believed, a high proportion of women and children, were reported missing, believed lost, when the daylong rescue operations were suspended last night for the passengers and crew flung into the sea after the 1,500 ton Greek steamer Chimara struck a mine off Porto Rafina, Attica.

"Hysterical women clutching their children were thrown across the deck and into the sea or dragged down with the ship," one of the survivors said last night.

One report said that among these who sank with the ship were 40 Left-wing political prisoners who were handcuffed.

Of the 524 persons on the ship, including a crew of 80, 195 survivors had been landed last night. A British Royal Army Medical Corps ambulance helped to disembark the injured and take them to hospitals in Athens.

One of the survivors stated that the ship's officers, fighting their way by torch-light through the struggling stream of people pushing their way up the decks, tried vainly to calm the screaming women clutching babies in their arms.

Revolvers Fired

Some women were praying aloud. The officers, he said, fired revolvers to keep back the masses of people struggling to get into the ship's life-boats.

Steam escaping from a burst boiler filled the lower decks where a number of men, injured by the explosion of the mine or boiler, lay trapped.

The liner, a former German hospital ship, handed over to Greece as reparations, was considered one of the best ships in the Greek merchant navy.—Reuter.

Jewels Discarded In Street

Parthenay (France), Jan. 21. The police today held for inspection by Scotland Yard jewel experts a valise containing jewellery which they thought might be some stolen from the Duchess of Windsor last year.

The jewels were found several days ago by Rene Longest, a garageman, who noticed the valise lying in the street at nearby Secodigny. It contained seven large diamonds, numerous strings of pearls and several rings, large gold bracelets, earrings and brooches.

Longest gave the valise to the Mayor of Secodigny, who notified the police here and they in turn contacted Scotland Yard.—United Press.

END NOT YET IN INDO-CHINA

Hanoi, Jan. 20. Observers here today saw little prospect of an early truce in the fighting between French troops and Viet Nam forces, despite the peace plea contained in the message by Dr. Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam Premier, to M. Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic, congratulating him on his recent election.

Dr. Ho appealed to M. Auriol to take active steps to end the bloodshed in Indo-China, according to the Viet Nam Radio today. The only thing Viet Nam wanted was "complete independence within the framework of the French Union," he was reported to have said.

In his message, Dr. Ho said: "Aware of your great kindness and high principles, I am about to propose to you immediate peace to you immediate peace to avert death and ruin for our two countries and to re-establish co-operation and friendship between our peoples. We must re-establish peace, to save the lives of young Frenchmen and young Viet Namese."

Meanwhile, the French authorities here are awaiting a fresh definition of policy in Indo-China from Paris before which, it is believed, there can be no fundamental change in a situation universally described as "on a military basis."

There has, so far, been no positive reaction in Hanoi over the selection of M. Vincent Auriol as President of the Fourth Republic, but all are agreed that every new day of conflict is complicating and delaying the process of finding a settlement between Viet Nam and France.

Little Prospect

Observers here see little prospect of an early cessation of hostilities through fresh political negotiations. They think there is very slight hope of a settlement with the Communist Viet Nam party so long as it is dominated by extremists, who are believed to have ousted Dr. Ho Chi Minh from actual if not nominal leadership.

French mopping-up operations in Hanoi were concentrated today upon the western suburbs of the town, according to French sources.

If this operation is completed the French forces will have regained control of a circular area with a radius of three kilometres from the centre of the town.—Reuter.

Priests Seized

Paris, Jan. 21. French troops have widened their lines in the suburbs of Hanoi, driving the Viet Namese Nationalists back some 600 yards along a front of several miles.

Disgusting Conditions On Ships

Melbourne, Jan. 21. Trade Union officials, having inspected the British steamer Brethbank from which the crew walked out after declaring they would rather go to jail than put up with the conditions on board, today declared all waterside labour will be withdrawn from the steamer until conditions were improved.

The officials said: "We are disgusted with the conditions prevailing on certain British ships and we advise the agents that unless steps are taken immediately for improvement of diet and general conditions we will not allow any Australian unionist workers aboard the vessel."—United Press.

THE WEATHER

An intense anticyclone over Siberia covers China and the neighbouring seas. A deep depression over Hokkaido is moving NE. Pressure is relatively low over the equatorial regions.

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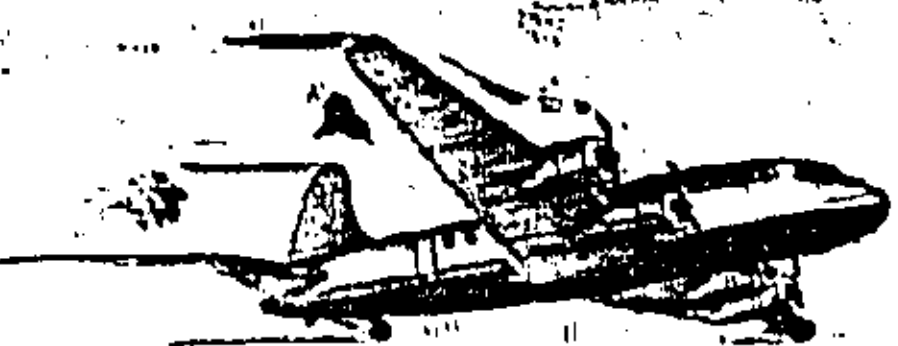
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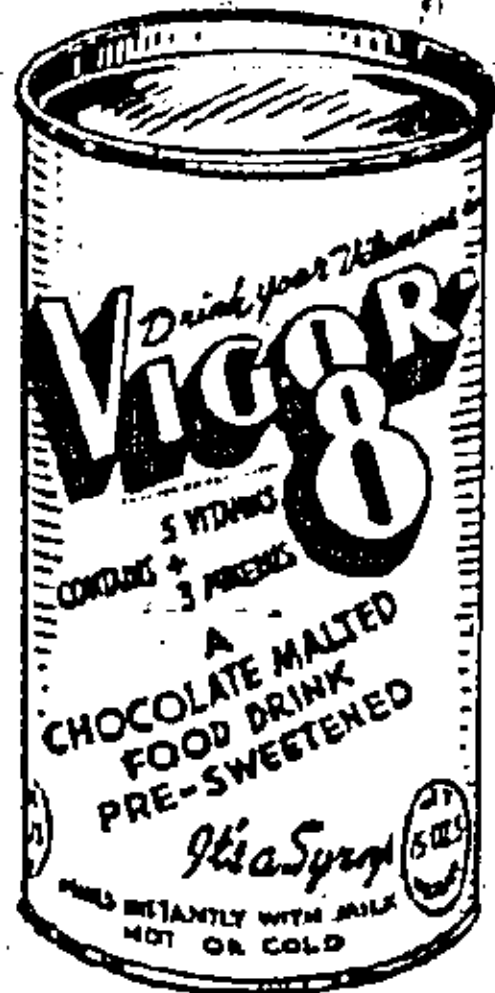
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CHINESE CELEBRATE YEAR OF THE PIG

Yesterday was the last day of the Year of the Dog: at the stroke of midnight it was the dawn of another year—the Year of the Pig, and people this morning will once again be greeting each other "Kung Hee Fat Choy" in the streets.

This is the second Chinese New Year since the liberation. Unlike twelve months ago the Colony is once more swimming in plenty. Gone are the austerity conditions of a year ago. The memory of the Japanese occupation is, well, just a memory.

It is therefore no surprise that the Colony has been bustling with preparations for the observance of this most important event of the year. Shopkeepers and merchants have been storing up the necessities for meeting the event, and busy housewives have been feverishly buying the hundred and one things that go to make up the celebration of the New Year.

The preparations came to a climax last night, New Year's Eve, when every household held its reunion dinner, when every member of the family was present.

Last night, also, the gods were appeased, and offerings given by way of thanks for a year's spiritual guardianship; and this also went to the family ancestors who, like the gods, were offered a pre-taste of the food and wine of the feast.

God Of Wealth

The New Year was ushered in by a general firing off of firecrackers—immediately after midnight and by the shouts of street urchins announcing the arrival of the 'god of wealth', symbolised by a small piece of red paper on which was written the Chinese characters 'choi shan.' These were distributed to every household and the youngsters given a monetary present wrapped in red paper as a reward for bringing the good news.

New Year is essentially a children's day, when the youngsters, dressed up in their best, greet their elders and received from them "Lai Shi" (presents wrapped in red paper). The money is spent in sweets, money and edibles as well as in firecrackers which they will be firing off all day long.

Settling Day

To their elders the p.c.-New Year period is often a headache, with accounts to settle and money to find to meet the expenses of the celebration. To the shopkeepers in particular the New Year settlement is the most important as failure to

LECTURES AT CATHOLIC CENTRE

A series of lectures on subjects of a religious or educational nature, some illustrated by films or slides, will be held weekly at the Catholic Centre, 1st Floor, King's Building.

The first lecture is on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. when Mrs. M. W. Bentley (Oxon) will speak on "The Girl's in England." Subsequent lectures will be on Thursdays each week at 5.30 p.m. The lectures are free and are open to all.

meet its obligations reflects the greatest discredit on a shop's reputation.

Despite still unsettled conditions and widespread poverty and distress, this Chinese New Year holds out much brighter hope than twelve months ago, in so far as Hong Kong is concerned. Everybody is therefore in a happy mood and spending lavishly.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of Tsingto against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of smallpox.

Counsel's Question To Inspector

"Inspector Buckingham. I am going to put to you a very straight question and that is that these men (accused) were made scapegoats to white-wash a white man — and that man is Sergeant McDougall. Is that a fact?"

This question was put by Mr. d'Almeida Remedios in the course of his cross-examination of Insp. Buckingham, RNY, at the continued hearing, before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, of the case in which seven Chinese coolies and three Indian constables were charged with breaking into and entering Kowloon Naval Dockyard victualling stores on the morning of Nov. 7 last, and attempting to steal therefrom various articles of naval stores.

Mr. R.S. Smith, assisted by DSI Collins appeared for the Crown, Mr. Marcus da Silva for the seven Chinese accused, and Mr. Remedios for Iam Din and Mohamed Shufy. All Sher, IPC 234, was not legally represented.

Witness, who gave evidence at the previous hearing, was cross-examined by Mr. Silva when he re-entered the stand yesterday, and stated that after he had received reports of the alleged planned robbery he kept a special watch. In reply to a further question, witness declared that he took no one into his confidence, respecting his plans, with the exception of Indian constable IPC 133 who was on special duty.

Still Employed

Inspector Buckingham, on being questioned by Mr. Remedios, admitted that IPC 180 and IPC 182, the two Indian constables whose numbers were given in the slips of paper handed to McDougall, are still in the employ of the Naval Dockyard. He further agreed with Mr. Remedios that IPC 182 was the constable on duty at the time the boat moored alongside the Naval Dockyard pier, and that no challenge was made to the boat people. These two men, continued witness, had not yet been dealt with departmentally, although they have been booked as "suspected abettors."

Sergeant McDougall, said witness, sent in his resignation about a week after the arrest of the accused. A few days after, McDougall went to see the Superintendent and withdrew his resignation, but was dismissed two or three days later. At this stage, Mr. Remedios put it to witness that the defendants were being made scapegoats to white-wash McDougall who, said counsel, should be in the dock with the accused. On witness replying in the negative, Mr. Remedios declared: "Is it not most remarkable that McDougall's reports, allegedly made to you on Oct. 21, should contain a con-

SAITO Admits Slapping Senior Officers

"A great deal of trouble is being caused the Railway authorities by people selling forged or re-dated tickets," declared S/I Askew when he prosecuted Wong Wing-on at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of defacing three third-class railway tickets on Jan. 20.

Giving the facts of the case, S/I Askew told Mr. Blair-Kerr that three passengers entered the platform and submitted their tickets to the collector at 3 p.m. on Monday. As the colour of the tickets was green instead of white, the collector examined them carefully and found that the date had been altered from 19 to 20. When asked where they obtained the tickets from the passengers pointed out accused who was thereupon arrested.

S/I Askew informed the Court that white and green tickets were issued on alternate days by the railway people.

Accused was fined \$50 or, alternatively, one month hard labour.

In another case, Chan Wing was charged with altering the date on 11 tickets which he sold at 7.15 a.m. yesterday. The tickets, originally dated Jan. 20, were altered and sold to 11 passengers who, on being questioned by the collector, pointed out accused as the person from whom they purchased the tickets.

When defendant was brought to the Police Station by Mr. A.E. Perry, the 11 would-be passengers claimed that they paid Chan \$10 for each ticket, said S/I Askew. Sentence of six months hard labour was passed by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

In the course of his seventh day under examination-in-chief by his defence counsel, Mr. Hasegawa, Captain (Dr.) Saito, medical officer in charge of POW camps in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation, admitted having slapped a number of officers and men among the POWs.

Among those Saito admitted slapping were Lieut.-Col. Bowie, Major Crawford and Major Boxer. He had slapped Col. Bowie, Saito said, because as officer in charge at Bowen Road Hospital he had failed to keep POWs off the verandahs during air raids on Hong Kong.

His reason for slapping Major Boxer was because the latter had argued with him that a Japanese was unlikely to sign a pledge that he would not attempt escape and, therefore, he (Major Boxer) would not.

He slapped Major Crawford, Saito said, after being dissatisfied with conditions in a ward reserved for Canadian patients during the diphtheria epidemic.

Speaking of the latter incident, Saito said: "I observed that treatment given to the patients was not very good. I observed a diphtheria patient get up and wobble to a latrine bucket without any of the nursing orderlies paying any attention. Also I observed some food left over in mass tins which were not properly washed. In another part of the diphtheria ward patients did not uniformly keep their things together."

"Therefore I asked Major Crawford about this and asked him also if the patients were receiving any serum. He replied that he had not received any diphtheria serum yet. I thought this queer as at the end of September 700,000 units of diphtheria serum had been issued to the POWs. I went with Major Crawford to speak to Major Ashton-Rose about the matter. In the presence of Ashton-Rose I handed some of the serum over to Major Crawford. I asked him why he had not received any serum and he did not know that any had been issued."

"I gathered all the medical orderlies under Major Crawford and lined them up in two rows. I asked them if they were really doing their best in treating their patients. If anyone thought he was doing his best I asked him to step forward one pace. They all stepped forward."

Slapped Orderlies

"I said I had just inspected the diphtheria ward and found it rather clean nor in good order. The mess tins were not clean and a patient had to hobble to the latrine because there was nobody to escort him there. How can you say you have done your best under such circumstances, I asked them. If anyone still thought he was doing his best he should step one pace forward. Nobody stepped forward."

"To improve their treatment of the patients, I slapped them all. I also slapped Major Crawford because he did not supervise the medical staff under him well and neglected his duty by refusing to accept serum from Major Ashton-Rose because of ill-feeling."

Speaking of the incident with Lieut.-Col. Bowie, Saito said: "Lieut.-Col. Bowie was in charge of Bowen Road Hospital at the end of October, 1942, during the first air raid. Patients at the hospital watched the air raid and when the Japanese anti-aircraft guns did not hit the aircraft they slapped their hands and were very happy about it."

"There was a communication from the Naval Detachment just below the hospital about the POWs clapping. When I received this communication I telephoned to Lieut.-Col. Bowie and asked him to see to it that such clapping of hands should not be permitted."

"About two days later there was another aeroplane. The patients came out on the verandah but this time they did not clap. They were seen by the guards at the hospital and also by the Naval Detachment. After the air raid I went to investigate. I had Col. Bowie come with me and we went together to the patients' wards. I asked him if he had cautioned the patients and he said he had. I asked the patients if they had heard the caution and they said they had heard the first caution."

Major Boxer

"I asked the patients if they had been cautioned not to go out to the verandah during air raids. They said they had heard the caution. I asked them why, having heard the caution, they came out to the verandah. I slapped the patients, had also Lieut.-Col. Bowie."

He had slapped Major Boxer on the same occasion, Saito said. He had been instructed by the Camp Commandant to get Major Boxer to sign the pledge not to escape. "I explained to him," Saito said, "that he was the only one who had not signed the pledge and that this was improper of him. If he refused to sign the pledge he might be put into prison and I did not like him to suffer such. I tried my best to encourage him to sign but he steadfastly refused. I asked him to explain the reason why he would not sign and he said he did not think a Japanese would sign such a pledge. Finally, I slapped Major Boxer."

Saito also admitted having slapped a patient named Murray at Bowen Road Hospital. Murray, he explained, was involved with another patient named Archibald in the theft of a suitcase belonging to a patient named Gill. In

Robbed Week After Escape

Only one week after his release from Stanley following completion of a two-month term for larceny, Lee Tin, 43, allegedly took part in the robbery with others not in custody of the inmates of a hut in Kennedy Town on Nov. 23.

He was tried before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Police Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for the robbery and was unanimously convicted by the jury.

A sentence of six years' hard labour was imposed on him.

for the draft" they were segregated in a separate place. It would then be still about a week to embarkation and they would be quarantined. Stool tests would be taken and cholera, typhoid, fever, cholera typhus and dysentery patients would be excluded. Saito denied Major Crawford's statement that only 10 per cent of the men selected were fit.

At the time of the fifth draft in December, 1943, a special physical examination was introduced. POWs were put through tests requiring ability to run 10 metres in under 30 seconds, 100 metres in under one minute, and to do 10 chin-ups in a row.

"The result was not very good," Saito concluded. "The will of the person concerned would influence the result very greatly. Because of this, while running, some of the POWs would discontinue the effort by throwing down the weight on purpose or would stop in the midst of the chin-ups. This form of examination was therefore, stopped and the former type of verbal and optical examination used. Of 200 POWs examined only 10 or 15 did not pass."

The trial continues; this morning



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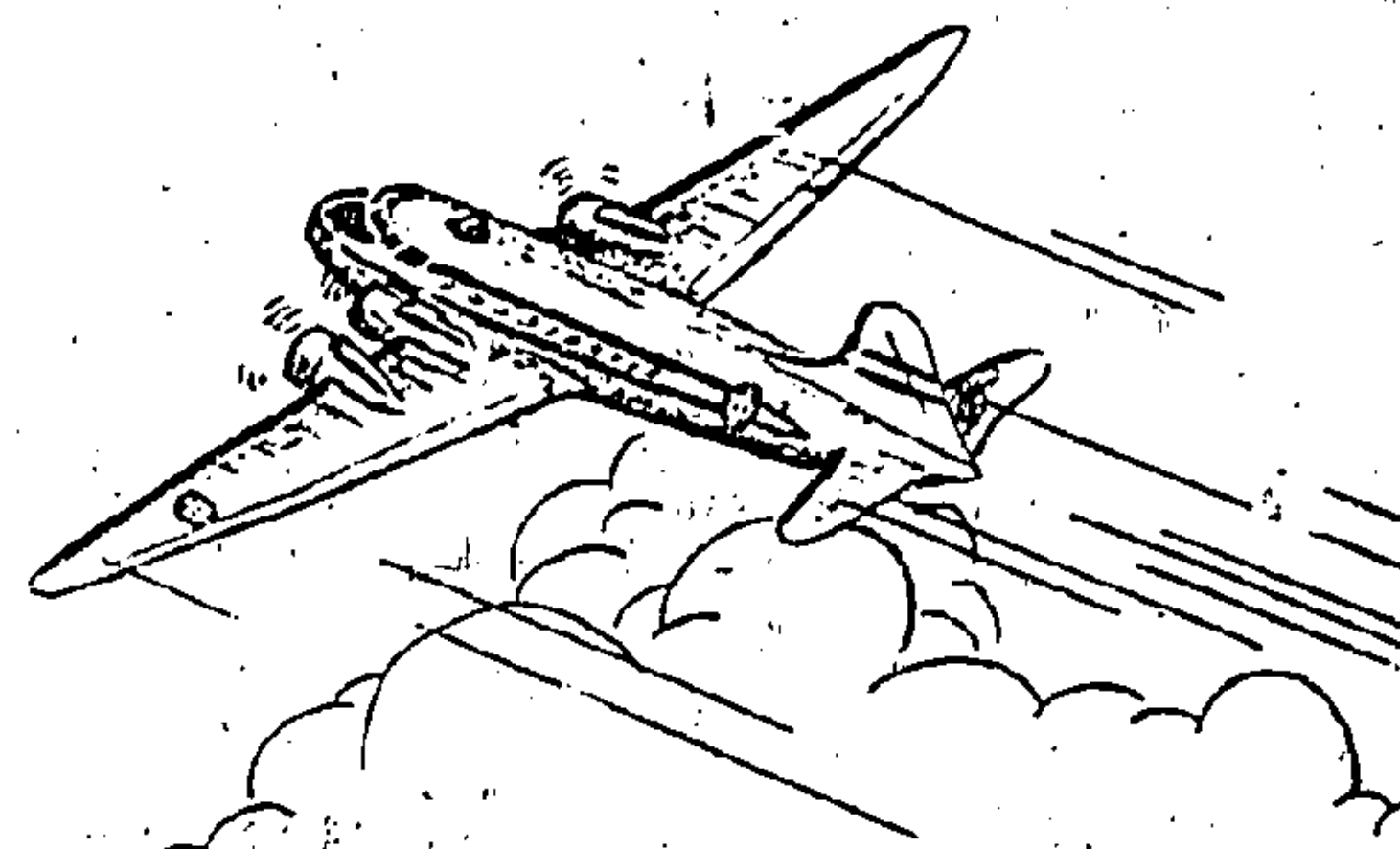
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S.M.C. CLAIMS

Although they were directed to the wrong quarter, the demonstrations by Chinese ex-members of the Shanghai Municipal Police have served a useful purpose in drawing public attention to a long-standing grievance. The abandonment of the system of extrajurisdictionality and the return of full sovereignty over the concessions and the International Settlement involved the acceptance by China of liabilities, as well as assets, but up to the moment, China has contented herself with accepting the benefits of the rendition without doing anything to meet the commitments that were assumed. Far more persons than those who demonstrated are concerned. There are several hundred foreign employees of the Shanghai Municipal Council who have a right to expect their just claims to be honoured. It is, however, just as well that the demonstrators should be disabused of the idea that foreign governments are in any way responsible for the payment due to them. The various governments concerned appear in the last analysis, to have given away what in fact was not their property, but that of the ratepayers of the International Settlement. It having been done, it is now too late to repair the error. It is, nevertheless, appropriate to suggest that those who feel aggrieved at the dilatory way in which their claims have been handled, should voice their protests in the place where they belong.

CORFU MINES

No profit is likely to be derived from speculation on the curious resistance of Russia to the placing of Britain's complaint against Albania on the agenda of the Security Council. It is sufficient that when the vote was taken, the Russian delegate abstained rather than create a minority of one, and that the new method of solving international disputes is to be submitted to a further test. The lodging of the complaint with the United Nations involved, among other things, the publication of the forms of the Albanian reply to the British demands, and it can be said at once that Albania by the interpolation of much extraneous matter sought to cloud the issue, but in fact made it clearer. Ultimately it had to deny the charge that it had laid mines in the Corfu channel, and by implication, suggests that quite likely it was the wicked Greeks who did it, seeking to embroil Albania with Britain. The Albanian Note does not say so in as many words, though it does say that Greek and other ships have traversed Albanian territorial waters without authorization. It would seem that once the question has been raised before the Security Council a little fact-finding will become necessary. It is not likely that any responsible government would accuse another without having very substantial evidence upon which to base its charges and it would seem that the Albanian Government will experience very considerable difficulty in evading responsibility for the deaths of 44 British Naval ratings and damage to British war vessels which resulted from the explosion of these mines. The preliminary attitude of the Russians suggests that perhaps the most interesting feature of this dispute will be the manner in which it is handled in Security Council; and the way in which the various countries vote when it comes to placing responsibility where it should be placed.

NORWEGIAN SHIP AGROUND

Dunbar, Scotland, Jan. 20. An attempt is to be made in the early hours of the morning with the help of the tide, to refloat the Norwegian steamer Skohaug, lying on the rocks about 80 yards off Dunbar. A tug is understood to be on its way to Dunbar from Leith for this purpose. Meanwhile the Dunbar lifeboat is still standing by the vessel which is now high and dry. She is in no danger and the crew has remained on board. The ship has a cargo of pit props.—Reuter.

Colonial Policy And The Labour Government.

Digest of a speech delivered by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Creech Jones, M.P., P.C., Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a Meeting held at Conway Hall, London, under the auspices of the Fabian Colonial Bureau, 11 Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1. (Whitehall 3077). Exact wording in quotes.

Great human problems ought not to be exploited for party political ends. Political principles, however, cannot be ignored. The Labour Government was elected to put through a Socialist policy and to apply enlightened liberal principles to the tasks of reconstruction, at home and abroad. I come to my task as a Socialist, aware of the humanitarian traditions coming down from Burke and the anti-imperialist traditions coming from radical and Socialist critics of Empire.

More Imagination

The British public will want to know whether the Labour Party is implementing its policy. I think you will find that the Government's policy is more energetic and imaginative, that it places more emphasis on the rights of the colonial peoples, that its pace is faster and conceptions broader, and that it is clearer in its lines of action. The assumptions underlying Labour policy were mentioned by me in my speech in the Debate on the Colonial Supply Day in the Commons: discrimination and racial superiority must be made to disappear as quickly as possible; the relationship between this country and the Colonial peoples should be one of partnership, our task being to help them forward in their development; political and economic privilege and domination shall give place to political freedom and then responsible self-government; the ideas of economic imperialism have to be dropped; all in all, "the test of our policy shall not be British advantage but the happiness, prosperity and freedom of the colonial people themselves."

Application is always more difficult than precept. The slow work of nation-building is largely unspectacular and undramatic—and phrases and clichés do not help. To engage in this work successfully, we need not only respect for great liberal ideas and a penetrating knowledge of the nature of imperialism, but we need a respect for our own achievements and qualities and we need the confidence and cooperation of the colonial peoples themselves.

Better Standards

Responsibility for social and economic growth has come largely into the hands of Colonial Government today, as distinct from the power of private associations in the past. We do not deny that such Governments have often held the ring and on occasion have seen Native rights betrayed. We are working to bring that under control in the interests of better standards. We have further to create the apparatus of the modern State. But development very much depends on the colonial peoples themselves. Their good-will, confidence, and cooperation have to be secured. Otherwise the work of the Labour Government will come to naught. In all planning they should be consulted; their representative organisations developed; responsibility must grow in executive as well as legislative machinery; they must be trained in administrative and economic services. It is important too that a "more intimate contact is established between London and the Colonial territories on the official, unofficial, Parliamentary and Ministerial levels, and that our public relations services are improved both as regards the Colonies, this country and opinion abroad."

Freedom

What then have we done about this vague thing called freedom? Few Governments in so short a time have been more active in liberalising constitutions. But that is only one part of the problem. Democracy is not only some way of counting heads for representation on a central legislature; "it is a pervading spirit, and is concerned with the whole machinery of Government, with the effective discharge of responsibility based in a deep sense of tolerance." This is a matter of experience and education. But the pace of change is quickening and we must be prepared to take a few risks "because we know that there is no greater educational force than the exercise of responsibility itself. You learn by practice." In many colonial territories constitutional change is on the march today.

On the question of the Colonial Service, our aim has been to secure the services of a liberally minded selection

boards, and that the test of fitness should rest in a wider and richer experience of life than academic studies afford. We are also meeting the need for better and more numerous refresher courses. 2½ millions have been allocated to training proposed for the next ten years, at least £1 million of which is to be devoted to the training of Natives in various fields. We are also paying attention to the question of amenities, and have come down for equality of payment between white and coloured in the Service apart from the fixed expatriate allowance which is everywhere recognised as due.

Complex Matter

In viewing the mass of work and reform we are taking in hand, one has to remember that many of the difficulties are inherent in the situation and a legacy of the past. Low fertility, inadequate rainfall, soil erosion, plant disease, pests, primitive and inefficient methods of cultivation, widespread ill-health, lack of labour power, trifling physical capital equipment, nomadism, all make development a complex and expensive matter, and in many things we are starting from scratch.

It is extremely important to remember that in most of the territories in question we are dealing essentially with agricultural terrains, and that the prosperity of agriculture is of major concern. This problem is one of the major ones to be tackled by the Economic Development Council which now includes the following: Dr. Wellesley, Dr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. George Wansborough, Mr. J. Macfadyen, Sir T. Drummond Shiels and Mr. J. Benstead.

Another important aspect has been the development of Labour Departments and Trade Unionism, with the help of experienced trade unionists from here. Also cooperation has developed amongst the people. In London a Cooperative Adviser has been appointed and a Cooperative Advisory Committee set up.

Public Responsibility

Geological surveys are being made in the Colonies, and it is the intention that the mineral resources of the Colonies shall increasingly be utilised for the benefit of the colonial peoples themselves, according to lines of development laid down in the Colonial Office statement of Mineral Policy. Some people say that this document is

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE.

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ON THE FIRST TRICK

If anybody asks you how early in the play a squeeze might be possible, tell him "on the very first trick." We hope it never happens to you, because it is not a pleasant experience, even though you may not know at the time that you are being squeezed. Not only has that happened, on rare occasions, but unfortunately have been squeezed first by their partner's lead and then a second time by the declarer, through a lead of the identical suit from which they made their initial discard.

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(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 C 2 NT
3 D Pass Pass 4 C
Pass 4 H Pass 6 NT
South thoroughly resented East's psychic opening bid, and showed it by his 2-N0 Trumps. West continued the interference effort with his diamond cue, but South's next bid, of the first opponent's suit, forced North to say something. When South heard it, he preferred a leap into a No

"doctrinaire and socialistic" in essence it is sound commonsense. This is one aspect of the idea of public responsibility for the fate of populations, where more and more public enterprise will be welcome without disregarding the useful role of private enterprise within a general plan.

In this connection, some special reference might perhaps be made to the use of private companies as agents, as in the case of the United Africa Company and the Grounits Scheme. It is a matter of utilising facilities that are available until an efficient public body can be established for their purpose concerned. The companies concerned are aware that this is the case, and they have been prepared to enter into reasonable arrangements.

There is little time left to go into the problems of international arrangements, the attempts to build up regionalism amongst the colonial territories, international accountability and consultation with other Governments engaged in similar tasks.

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LONDON LETTER

A NINE DAYS WONDER

Confidential with one of Britain's worst cold spells for many years came news of a coal famine which threatened to cause wholesale unemployment. Mr. Shinwell, the Minister of Fuel, however, acted quickly and called a council to discuss immediate measures to assist industries whose stocks of coal were nearly exhausted. Result: Priority orders were rushed through, but despite this the Ministry announced that hold-ups were inevitable unless the utmost care was taken to conserve stocks. The crisis was not unexpected. With stocks depleted many industrial areas for months past have had to rely on current production and the shortage of railway waggons and bad weather have added to the difficulties. There has, of course, been criticism of the Government and miners have been accused of absenteeism following the holidays, but the fact remains that production figures at the time of the big shortage could not possibly have been known. I am inclined to think that the present crisis will be just another of those nine day wonders and it would not surprise me to learn that by the time you read this cable everything had been settled satisfactorily.

Power Cuts

Apart from the coal hullabaloo, the cuts in electrical power have annoyed more than a certain section of the public. Indeed, this fuel business is causing such a headache that I

understand the Government is considering stopping the manufacture of domestic equipment which uses electricity. You see, many householders fearing a coal shortage this winter, bought more than half a million electric fires. The electricity cuts, which are made when the peak load is too great for the generating plant, have

By

JOHN SHIPTON

nothing to do; I am told, with any coal shortage. Let Mr. Harold Hobson, chairman of the Central Electricity Board, put his viewpoint. He says that the electricity demand has been more than a million kilowatts higher than last year and he is of the opinion there is no possibility of regaining the proper balance between plant and production before 1949, and possibly 1950. So take your fill of the sun!

Anti-Freeze

Despite all this talk of power cuts, no one can quibble at the enterprise of the London Passenger Transport Board in installing new anti-freeze equipment at more than 120 places on the railway system to keep the services running. There are two ingenious devices. First is a deicer used to prevent a film of ice forming over the current rails and breaking the contact between the rails and the gear which picks up the current for the train motors. Small baths of an anti-freeze liquid are placed at intervals on the current rails. The liquid is picked up by the train's electric "shoe-gear" as it passes along the current rail. The shoe-gear spreads the anti-freeze along the rail as a thin film and stops ice forming and the next train over the line repeats the process.

These baths were first tried a couple of winters ago. I am told, on the exposed Stanmore branch of the Bakerloo line. The second device is known as a "point heater". First, makes its grip felt on movable points at junctions, which freeze tight unless dealt with. To obviate this, electric heaters are built into the track at junctions situated in the open air. By means of these the point blades are kept warm enough to resist the formation of ice, and to melt any snow that may settle. Another design keeps the points warm by circulating electrically heated oil through pipes in the track. New installations just completed, bring the number of these point heaters now working on London railways to 215.

Tramways Too

A special anti-freeze compound is also being generally employed on the tramways system for the first time this winter. The complicated mechanism of the track points has previously proved a source of trouble on frosty nights. Recent experiments have shown, however, that when the pit in which the point mechanism moves is flooded with this compound it remains liquid for hours at temperatures down to ten degrees of frost. It is hoped by adopting this preventative to reduce frost delays.

running. The anti-frost train runs over the rails in the early hours. It is equipped with three inter-acting devices; first, cog wheels which run along the conductor rail and break up the film of ice; second, wire brushes which brush away the fragments of ice; and, thirdly, jets which sprinkle the anti-freeze mixture on to the rail as soon as it has been de-iced. When the passenger service is at work trains are frequent enough to keep the current rail clear of ice, but special measures have to be taken to cover the four or five hours' interval between the last train at night and the first in the morning.

The traffic controller at Leicester Square keeps in touch with the Meteorological section and when reports indicate a right frost is likely, he passes the word to the depots when the special trains go out and work throughout the night to keep the rails clear. So now you know why the London transport system is the best in the world.

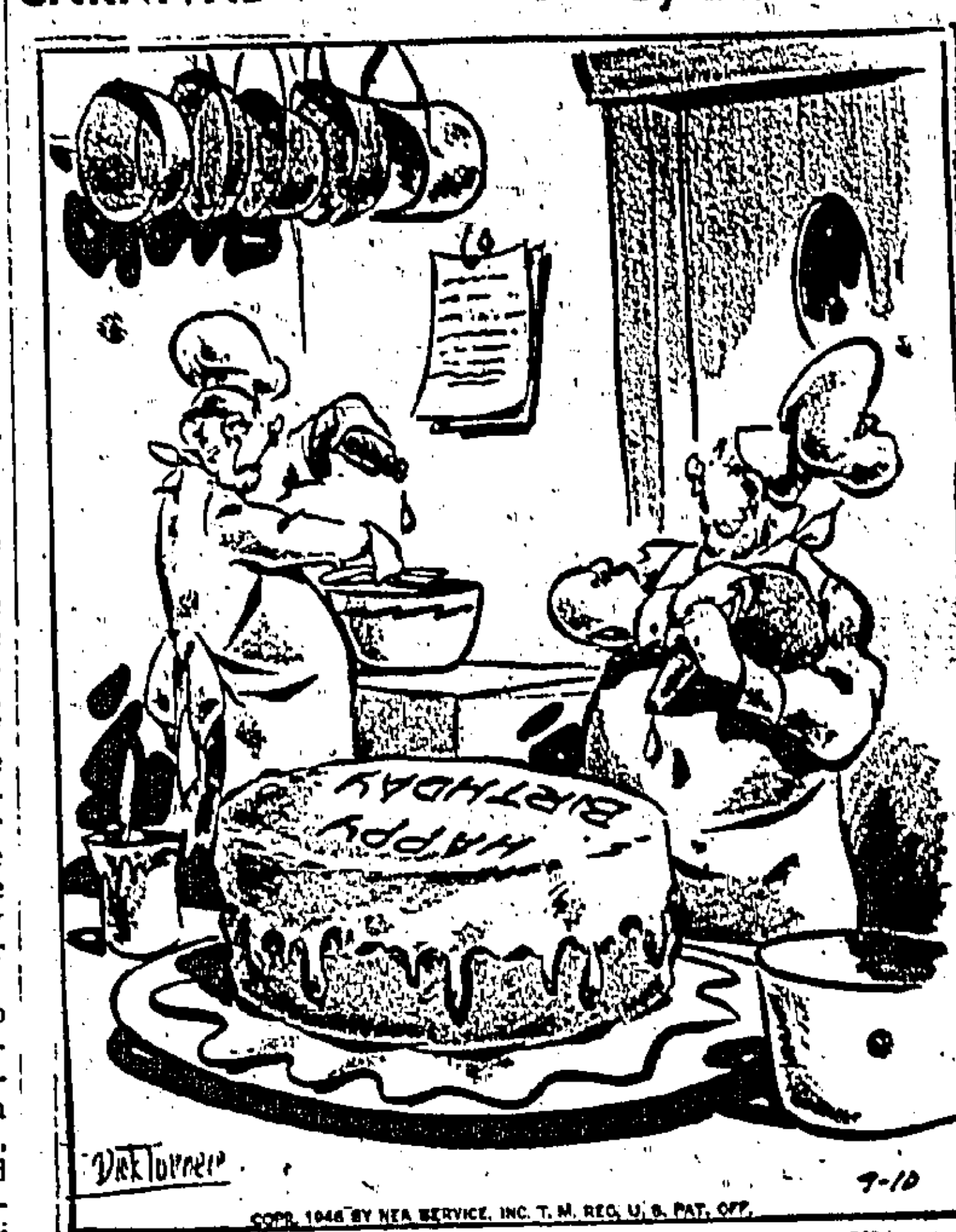
Royal Family

And now I have more news of the British Royal family's trip to South Africa. It is expected they will leave Britain in Vanguard on February 17 and will leave the Union on April 24. It is whispered that to coincide with their return London and a number of provincial centres will hold a Royal pageant on the same scale as victory celebrations for the Royal return and Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday on April 21. Incidentally, when King George and Queen Elizabeth tour the Union officials and Pressmen attend the trains will be able to keep in touch with the outside world every minute of the 24 hours. The Marconi company was given the task of devising and providing the radio equipment which would fulfil all the requirements and overcome vibration of space and vibration. Radio equipment is divided between the two trains. Part will be in the Royal train and the remainder in the pilot train, which will carry officials and Pressmen. Both trains will be fitted with broadcast receiving equipment and there will be facilities for broadcasting over more than 60 loudspeakers. For the King's personal use there will be a receiver house in a special Cabinet. The pilot train will also have a Marconi high speed short wave radio transmitter and keying equipment, together with a short wave receiver for transmission of Press reports and for general communication purposes.

Most of you will have heard by this time the famous "Just William" feature of Richard Crompton, but I doubt if you know how the programme came to be introduced. It appears that twelve months or so ago a BBC producer met a twelve year old boy, John Clark, on the top of a London bus. They got into conversation and the producer was so struck by John that he arranged to give him an acting test for work on the radio. John was so successful that he was given a part in a popular funny programme in which Mr. Will Hay was a schoolmaster. Now John is the hero of thousands of children in Britain in "Just William". In this he plays the part of a schoolboy who always means well, but things somehow go wrong, followed by a whole heap of trouble.

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HEAVY GOING FOR COMMONS

Tories To Fight Nationalisation Programme

Important Bills For New Session

London, Jan. 20.

Parliament reconvenes tomorrow after its Christmas vacation and the six-month session ahead promises to produce much significant legislation accompanied by storms of protest from the vocal Opposition.

Pledged to a programme of nationalisation for several industries, Prime Minister Attlee's Government is scheduled to submit the transport, electricity, town planning and agriculture bills—and each is expected to be greeted with furious protests.

Mr. Attlee's Government is the first since 1832 which has not lost a single seat in its first eighteen months in office and has thus retained its substantial majority.

Mr. Churchill has threatened to call for a vote of censure on both foreign and domestic policies at an early date.

If the House of Commons upholds the censure vote—an extremely unlikely occurrence—the Government would fall and would have to call new elections.

Despite the recent attack on Mr. Bevin by "rebel" Labourites, the split is not wide enough to result in a vote against the Party leaders.

Shadow Cabinet

Mr. Churchill has called a meeting of his "shadow Cabinet" this week to determine whether he should tackle a motion of censure.

Mr. Bevin expects in the near future to address Labour MPs in an attempt to obtain a "united front" on foreign policy as well as to inform them of changes in the situation since he last appeared at such a meeting.

Last week's transport strike also will figure in the Parliamentary discussions and Mr. Attlee is to be asked questions tomorrow by Labour members inquiring into the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission or Select Committee to streamline the "outmoded" labour dispute machinery.

Press Views

London's press took various views on the new session.

The "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial entitled "Rocks Ahead" criticised the Government for overriding immediate problems such as the budget and tax trimming in favour of legislation not concerned with urgent needs of the hour but with the Government party's "eternal prejudices."

The "News Chronicle" said Government could look forward to "onerous days," fortified by the fact that it enjoyed the same backing from the country that it did at the General Election.

The "Daily Herald" described the legislative programme as the most important to be con-

sidered by any Parliament in the history of the country.

The "Daily Express" suggested Parliament should tell the Cabinet to "put on one side your vast opaque plans for nationalisation as they cannot touch present problems except to make them worse by uncertainty. Get on with your job so that the workers can get on with theirs."—United Press.

Marshall's Plane Grounded

Chicago, Jan. 20.

General George Marshall's plane was grounded by bad weather and Gen. Marshall took a train for the last leg of his journey to Washington to be sworn in as Secretary of State.

Before boarding the train, Gen. Marshall posed for photographers but evaded all questions.

Earlier he had told reporters that he had tried twice to retire from public life—the first time when he was Chief of Staff, the second by his assignment to China which he termed a "very interesting country, especially to Mrs. Marshall."—United Press.

Privy Council Rejects Petition

London, Jan. 21.

Leave to appeal against the decision of a court martial in India was refused after a hearing by five law lords comprising the judicial committee of the Privy Council in London yesterday.

The jurisdiction of the Privy Council to hear such an appeal was challenged.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., counsel for the Crown, argued that there was no trace anywhere of any law, statute or custom which would permit an appeal from a court martial to be brought.

The argument arose out of a petition for leave to appeal as an act of grace, presented by Mohammad Yakub Khan, an officer in the Indian Army, who was sentenced to six years' imprisonment, and ordered to be cashiered by a Calcutta court-martial in 1943.

He had been charged with misappropriation of stores, embezzlement and insubordination. For the petitioner, Mr. K. G. Pullen, referred to a report of a court martial in 1943 as a precedent for saying that this was a case to which His Majesty's prerogative extended.

Lord Thankerton said that the 1743 court martial had clearly exceeded its jurisdiction by the sentence. By virtue of this, such jurisdiction was subject to revision not only by the Privy Council but also by the ordinary courts.

Mr. Pullen contended that there was nothing in the statute under which the Privy Council was formed to suggest that the jurisdiction was confined to any particular class of case.

Lord Thankerton, however, maintained that the jurisdiction of the judicial committee was purely statutory, resting on the judicial committee act, and the amending acts, applying the test laid down by Lord Cairns.

Their Lordships were of

the opinion that the Indian Army Act intended the findings of a court martial, as confirmed by the proper confirming officer, to be final.—Associated Press.

R.I.N. MUTINY FINDING

New Delhi, Jan. 21.

An official report by an inquiry commission released last night declared that the mutiny in the Royal Indian Navy last February "might never have happened" if the Flag Officer, Vice Admiral J.H. Godfrey, and his officers, "had not failed to take immediate steps to reassert their authority with firmness and at the same time to take sympathetic steps to alleviate the complaints."—Associated Press.

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SURPRISE

Jerusalem, Jan. 20.
The Jewish National Council's decision to fight the terrorists is understood here to have come as a "pleasant surprise" to General Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine. Palestine Government quarters also expressed their satisfaction at the sternness of the warning issued to the terrorists.—Reuter.

BYRNES SIGNS TREATIES

Washington, Jan. 20.

Mr. James F. Byrnes today signed the World War II peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

It was his last official act before leaving the post of Secretary of State.

The signing ceremony lasted little more than ten minutes and Mr. Byrnes made no statement. A crowd of over 200 people, most of them State Department officials, was present.

Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Tom Connally, who served as Mr. Byrnes' Congressional advisers during the long months in which the treaties were discussed by the Big Four Ministers, and who took part in the Paris conference, sat beside Mr. Byrnes.

When he had signed the last copy of the last document Mr. Byrnes walked from the desk and remarked to the crowd as he gestured at the batteries of unused microphones: "If any of you wish to make a speech you may take my place and do so."—Reuter.

Nuffield In Liner Mishap

Sydney, Jan. 21.

Attempts to refloat the liner, Wanganella, which ran aground at Barretts Reef at the entrance to Wellington, N.Z. harbour on Sunday night, have been unsuccessful.

The 3,675 tons vessel is in an extremely exposed and precarious position, with moderate to fresh southerly winds officially forecast, and fears are expressed regarding the prospects of salvage.

All the time the vessel struck the reef there were 400 passengers aboard. The night was dark, but clear, and the sea was smooth. Many passengers had retired for the night, but others were about the decks.

The bump was felt by nearly all on board, but was not sufficient to cause alarm. Life jackets were issued but there was no panic.

The passengers included Lord Nuffield, Archbishop Panico, Apostolic delegate to Australia, and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Tovey.

Rescue measures were brought smoothly into action and with the aid of small vessels from Wellington, passengers were taken off in relays. They were brought safely to the quayside.—Associated Press.

Kuomintang Get-Together

Nanking, Jan. 21.

The Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee will hold its third plenary session on March 15, according to an announcement by the Standing Committee.

It has not yet been officially announced what are the main subjects of deliberation but it is believed that the Chen Brothers will be asked to decide the Kuomintang policy as demanded by the changed situation arising out of the breakdown in Communist negotiations.

Observers, recalling the stormy second plenary session held in Chungking last March in which reactionaries strongly attacked the Government for signing the anti-party Political Consultative Council agreements, expect a resurgence of reactionaries and diehards in the next plenary session which may require Chiang Kai-shek exercising the "big stick" once again.—United Press.

GERMAN OUTPUT

London, Jan. 20.

In spite of the coal shortage in Germany there have been appreciable production increases in consumer goods.

Footwear has been almost doubled, said Mr. John Hynd, the Minister responsible for the Administration of the British zones of Germany and Austria, who added that there had been an overall average increase, including textiles, of about 60 per cent between March and September.

However, he said there was still a serious gap to be made up between the urgent needs and the available supplies.—Reuter.

NO DECISION

Washington, Jan. 20.

The Supreme Court has gone into recess for two weeks without acting in the contempt of court case against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

The earliest possible date for a decision is February 3, when the Court will next hand down opinions. However, a decision in late February or early March is considered much more likely.—United Press.

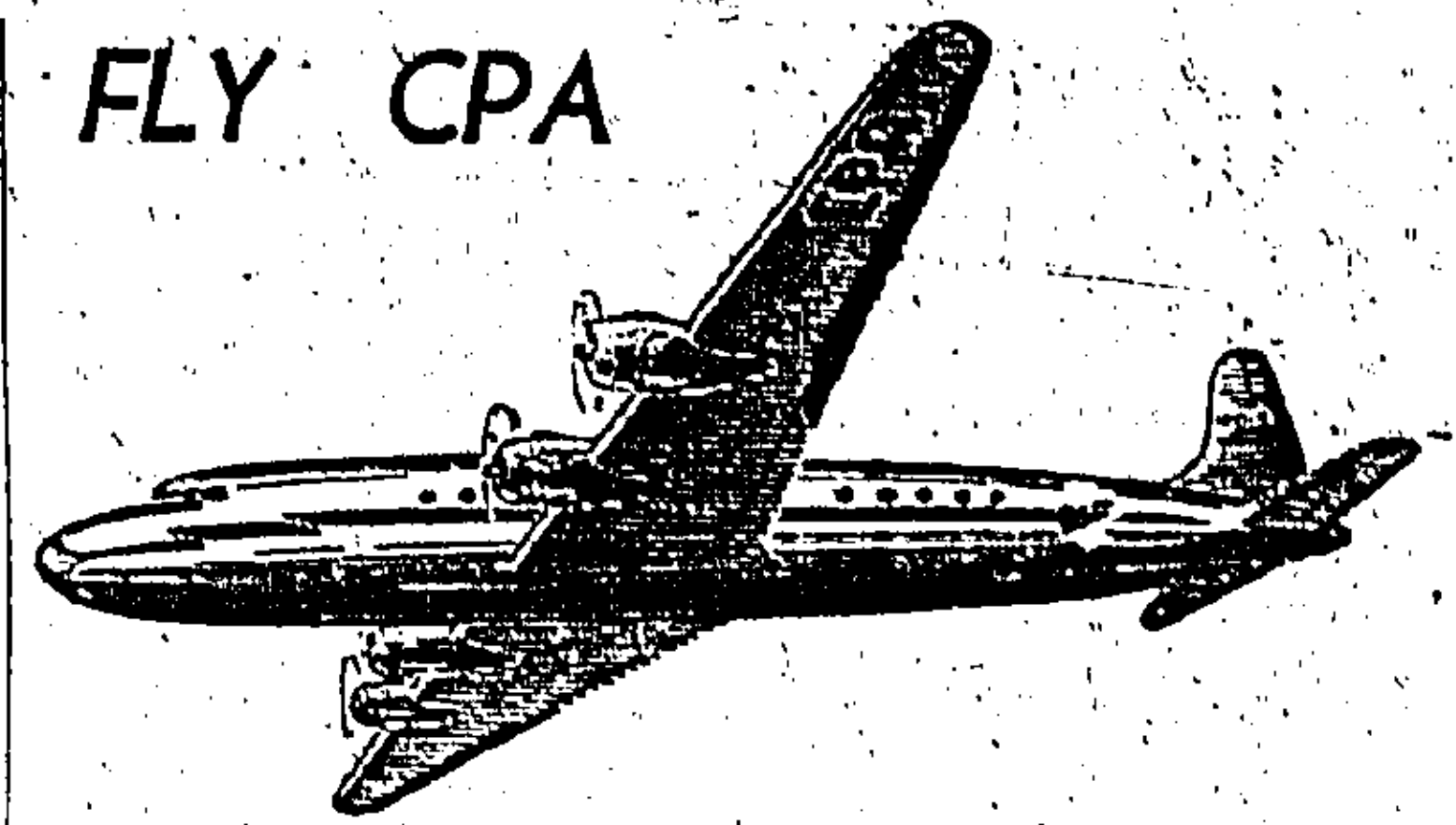
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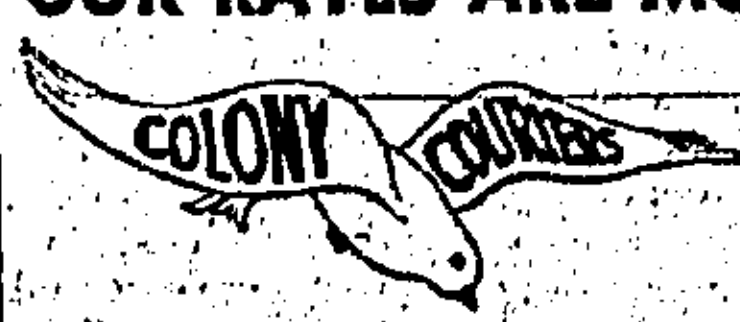
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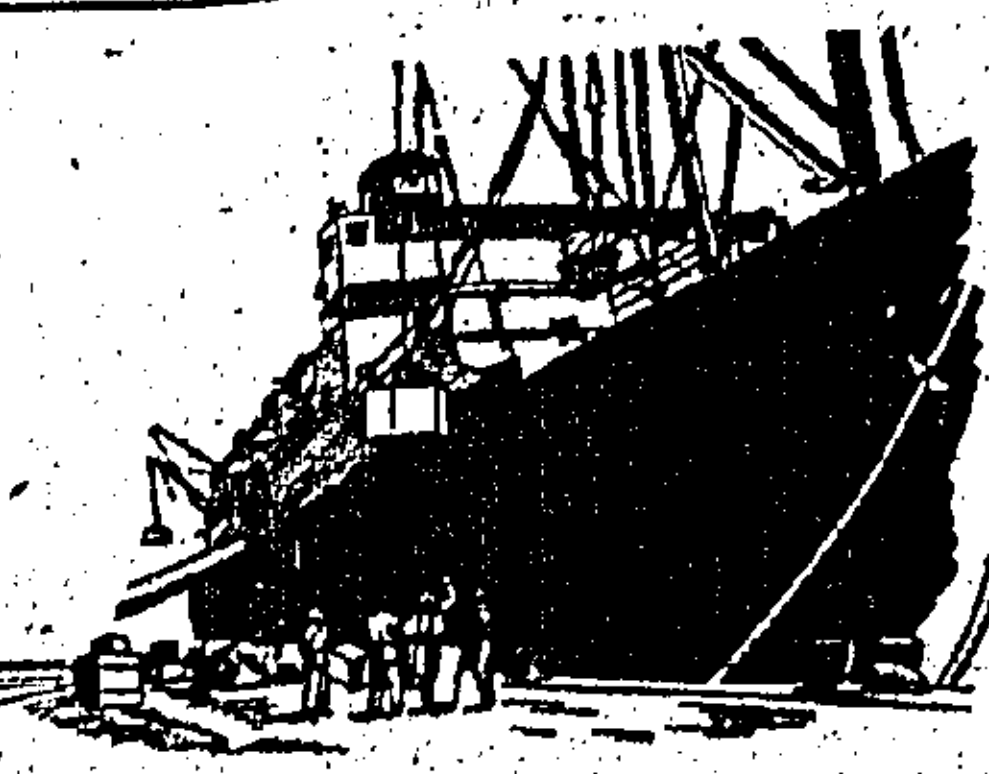
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Australia And Tariffs

Canberra, Jan. 20.
While it might be necessary to contemplate some tariff reductions as part of the international trade negotiations, Australia's progressive industrialisation would be protected by trade barriers, said Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, outlining tariff policy here today.
"At the same time, he said, Australia was particularly dependent on the world markets for the sale of many important primary and secondary products and had much to gain from tariff reductions by other countries, even though this would require a review of the Australian tariff rates.
On Saturday Mr. Chifley stated that Australia would in no circumstances give up any tariff preferences unless she was awarded compensating benefits. He was commenting on the developments arising out of the talks held in London last October and November by the preparation committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment.—Reuter.

MacMillan Report Published

London, Jan. 20.
An unicameral system of Government for Malta is recommended in a report issued by the Colonial Office today.

The author of the report, Sir Harold MacMichael, who was appointed last year as a commissioner to visit Malta and formulate in consultation with representative opinion detailed proposals regarding the form of a new constitution, expressed the view that self-government has been well earned in Malta and must be made a reality within the limits of its application.

He says that it is for the Maltese, "stimulated by a full sense of responsibility and aided by such assistance as we can give them," to make a success of it.

In conformity with Maltese wishes, the commissioner recommends that control of the police force should not be included among the "reserved matters" in the new constitution.

issued by the Government of Malta should be in those languages.

As regards the relation of the Government of Malta with the Imperial Government, Sir Harold MacMichael suggests that more use might be made of the Privy Council of Malta though it would certainly be advisable to leave its convocation entirely within the Governor's discretion in order to prevent its being given a "nuisance value."

By this means, he says, it should be possible to settle on the spot the proportion of vexed questions arising between Maltese and service departments and if no settlement is possible, at least to define the issues requiring the attention of the Imperial Government.—Reuter.

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Interport Dates Altered

The Hong Kong Football Association had made every effort to impress on Shanghai the necessity of arriving in Hong Kong today to play the Interport game as scheduled but on receipt of cable advice early yesterday that the team could not under any circumstances arrive before tomorrow on Friday an emergency meeting of the Interport Committee decided to postpone the Interport game.

In order to make the best use of the holidays it was also decided that the First Round of the Governor's Cup, and the Second Round of the Memorial Cup be brought forward and that the Interport game proper be played on Saturday.

The Shanghai versus Combined Chinese game will now be played on Sunday while the dates of the other games will be arranged on the arrival of the Shanghai team.

Purchasers of tickets for any of the Interport games may apply to the Association for a refund if desired but all applications must be made before Saturday.

His Excellency the Governor will be attending this afternoon's game.

The following is the programme for the next few days:

Today
GOVERNOR'S CUP
H.K.F.A. v. Chinese Federation
Referee: L. G. Young.
Linesmen: Messrs. Loung and Silva.

Tomorrow
MEMORIAL CUP
SECOND ROUND
Royal Air Force v. Combined Chinese
Referee: Mr. C. Tunstall.
Linesmen: Messrs. F.A. Barretto and Lui Shui-ming.

Saturday
HONGKONG v. SHANGHAI
Sunday
Shanghai v. Combined Chinese
All games are to be played on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay commencing at 3.30 p.m.

CLUB RUGGER TEAM
The following have been selected to represent the Club in a Rugby match against Navy at Sookumpoon on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.

Ingham: McNay, Weller, Cessford and Barclay; Muriel, Henderson, Colchester, McWhirter, Speyer, Mann, Benn, Graham, Taylor, and Meffan.

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London, Jan. 21.

Cricket writers have advanced many ingenious theories to explain England's Test defeats, says Peter Wilson.

Wilson, Sunday Pictorial cricket writer, commenting on these theories, says:

"Suggestions that umpires have not been without bias are silly, and almost silly. No critic has yet produced the real cause of England's defeat."

"It is the fantastic enthusiasm for cricket in Australia. The whole continent goes, cricket crazy while a Test series is in progress."

"The Sydney Daily Telegraph had four girls on their switchboard to give up-to-the-second scores to anyone who cared to ring."

"The girls averaged 4500 calls a day."

Wilson also describes the score-board erected on the front of the Daily Telegraph building.

"I do not know how badly the score-board interfered with Sydney's business."

Phone Confusion
"The telephone number was confused with that of a local orphanage."

"One alcohol-affected enthusiast rang the orphanage from a hotel bar and asked, 'How many have we got now?'"

"He was surprised with the answer, 'We've 97 now, and another little one expected any moment.'"

"Six hundred drunks were picked up in Sydney on the Saturday of the Brisbane Test."

"Most of them told the magistrate that they had been overcome by demon rum while waiting for the latest Test developments."

Just Keenness
"All this may seem very trivial in Australia, but I suggest that such enthusiasm enables a nation of 7,000,000 people to challenge one with a population about six times greater, and win."

Nottingham, Jan. 20.

The last period rally by the United States amateur hockey team failed to penetrate England's defence at Nottingham Ace Stadium and England won 5-0 tonight.

The result evened the American record for their English tour. They have won three matches tied one and lost three with two matches yet to be played.

The England team was featured by five Canadian players of the local Nottingham Panthers team playing on their own ice in their first game against the touring side.

The capacity crowd cheered madly as long range shots by Americans Bob Verrier, Perley Grant and Tom Dugan were brilliantly saved by the exciting last period when the score stood at 3-0 for England. Then England scored twice to clinch the game.

derson, Colchester, McWhirter, Speyer, Mann, Benn, Graham, Taylor, and Meffan.

Anyone unable to play is requested to advise the Hon. Secretary (Tel. 21327).

Returning to his own division for the first time since being defeated by Joe Baksi, Bruce Woodcock and Gus Lesnevich in an invasion of the heavyweight division, Mills again proved himself the rock-solid master of Europe's cruiser-weight division despite the fact he spent three days in bed this week with influenza.

After an 11-pound weight advantage, Mills battered Quentmeyer to the canvas for a count of nine in the second round and then put him away with a right cross. A crowd of 5,000 saw the bout in the Royal Albert Hall.

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Italian Premier Resigns

Rome, Jan. 20.

It is officially announced that Premier Alcide de Gasperi resigned today.

De Gasperi made the surprise announcement at a press conference. He said he resigned because of inability to handle the present political situation.

De Gasperi's announcement followed a review of his trip to the United States. Turning from the report on agreement obtained from the United States to help Italy, de Gasperi took up the turbulent political situation—in which the Socialist Party has split, the Foreign Minister, Pietro Nenni, has resigned and the minority Republican Party considering withdrawal from the Cabinet.

"As things stand now, I place the charge I have now in the hands of President de Nicola," de Gasperi said.

He then read a formal statement giving his reasons for his resignation.—United Press.

Revision Demand

Rome, Jan. 20.

Three hours after Premier Alcide de Gasperi and his Cabinet resigned, the former Foreign Minister, Pietro Nenni—who submitted his resignation four days ago—handed representatives of the Big Four a demand for revision of the Italian peace treaty.

Political observers said the demand did not necessarily mean that Italy would not sign the treaty scheduled to be signed in Paris on February 10.

When Nenni quit last Friday, he said, "A Socialist cannot sign the peace treaty."—United Press.

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Palestine Talks Postponed

London, Jan. 21.

The talks on Palestine, due to be resumed at St. James' Palace today have been postponed until Thursday (at the earliest) because not all the delegations have reached London.

Representatives of the Palestine Arabs are among the non-arrivals.

Mr. Bevin intends to address the Arab delegates when the conference resumes. Britain's reply to an Arab demand, made when the talks were opened last year, for the immediate declaration of Palestine's independence, will be elaborated further by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones.

No formal agenda has been framed. Two proposals exist at the moment—"The Morrison" plan for semi-autonomous Arab and Jewish provinces under a central Government, and the Arab counter proposal for an independent Holy Land, with special guarantees for Jewish rights, but prohibiting further Jewish immigration.

Of these two plans, the British proposal is considered dead in every sense but the technical, rejected by Arabs and Jews alike.

The Arab plan awaits official British comment. Hope of its acceptance is considered by official British sources to be faint. Mr. Bevin is expected to convey this to the Arab delegation when he addresses them this week.

Meanwhile, leading members of the Jewish Agency will be standing by in London. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Palestine, was due to arrive in London from the Holy Land yesterday.

Although Jewish representatives will not attend the talks, contact will be maintained with the British Government. Any new proposals that may be raised will therefore be conveyed to Agency leaders almost immediately for their reaction.—Associated Press.

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GOODWILL OR AGONY?

New Delhi, Jan. 20.

A warning that future relations between India and the British Commonwealth hinged on the India crisis was the keynote of the second session of the Constituent Assembly.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, noted philosopher of Benares Hindu University, warned that whether India's connection with Britain ended in "goodwill or agony" depended upon how the British acted.—United Press.

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"Go Fast" Strike In Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 20.

Employees of the China National Products Emporium today won a year-end bonus through a "go fast strike."

All hands took off their long gowns; put on rubber boots, wrapped their heads with handkerchiefs and started dusting and scrubbing the store premises during the busiest business hours.

The management, expecting a year-end shopping rush, yielded after half a day of the "go fast."

Employees of another store on Nanking Road got a "nagging campaign" in which the employees tried to hold customers by their lapsels and confide their financial difficulties due to failure to get an extra month's pay.—United Press.

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Football Dispute

London, Jan. 20.

The Football Players' Union Management held a meeting today when it agreed on many points with the recent recommendations of the League Management Committee, but stated that the Committee think the Management of the Football League had sidetracked the main issues.

The Union wanted a maximum wage of £12 in the winter months and £10 in the summer and a minimum wage of £7 in winter and £5 in summer for fulltime members, all players be paid a weekly wage when on the transfer list at a fee, compulsory benefits and winter pay to commence when training starts and not when the season opens.

James Guthrie, chairman of the Union Committee, said: "We are instructed by members that unless an amicable agreement is reached drastic action will be taken."

The Management Committee a few weeks ago recommended a rise in pay to £11 winter and £9 in summer, and James Guthrie said: "If this goes through at a meeting of the Football League clubs on February 24 the Players' Union will at once apply to the Ministry of Labour for compulsory arbitration."

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